

“Where learning is Fun”

Woodentops Preschool

June 2017

Annual school trip to Standalone Farm Visit- Friday 23rd June. We meet at Standalone car park at 10am. Children need to be picked up from the farm at 2pm. Cost is £5 per child, this includes entry to the farm and an ice cream/lolly. Adults are more than welcome to come too; the cost is £5 per adult. There will be **NO** usual session at Woodentops.

Childrens Clothes

Please **name** your children’s clothing including **their shoes**- quite a few of the children have the same type and we all get very confused!

We have lots of Woodentops clothes missing, please could you return them- they are all named.

Fees

The invoices were sent on 1st June via email, please contact Jackie if you have not received it. Payments are due at the end of June. If payments are not received, you are at risk of losing your child’s place at Woodentops. Arrangements can be made for a payment system if required. Please ask, we will try to support you as much as is possible.

School Visits

Our last school visit to Potton Lower is on the 14th June. We are going up for lunch and then staying for a play until 3.15 when parents can pick up from the fire door by reception gates. Please make sure we are aware you are there or if another person is picking up.

Quiz Night

We have booked our Quiz night for the 9th June 7.30 to 10.30pm. Teams of 6 people £10 per team. Bring your own snacks and the bar will be open. We have quite a few teams booked in and spaces are going rapidly.

Father’s Day Celebration

On the 16th June, the children would like to invite their important ‘male’ adult to celebrate Father’s Day by doing a special breakfast. It’s from 9am to 10am. Those that do not normally attend on a Friday can come in at 9 with their special adult, normal session for Friday children. RSVP 1st June.

30 Hour funding and fees

From September 2017, the fees will be £4.25 per hour plus a supplementary fee of 25p per hour, total being £4.50 per hour. The supplementary rate covers the ‘additional services’ provided by Woodentops.

Stay and Play

There is **NO** Stay and play throughout June.

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **do not use** your mobile phone at preschool. The children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone. It’s also a way of keeping your children safe.

Talking to staff

Please remember to talk to staff regarding preschool business at preschool. Out of school they are trying to be ‘ordinary’ mums/people.

Blogs on the website

Jackie does a weekly blog of the fun and learning the children have had. No children are in the photos to keep their identities safe.

Please Remember Sun hats and Sun cream

Potton Library visit

We are visiting the library on the 7th June. Please meet at the library at 9am. We will have a story and do some activities before walking back to Woodentops. All bags including lunch boxes will be stored in Jackie's car. Please make sure your child's lunch box has a cold pack in it.

Communication Friendly Award

Our visit went well and we are just finishing off the portfolio before it goes to the external assessor. Woodentops has been invited to an Awards ceremony on 13th July.

What counts as 180 minutes of activity per day?

Walking, cycling, scooting;
Playing with toys such as balls, empty boxes, building blocks;
Running, jumping, skipping, dancing, hopping etc;
Balancing activities such as climbing on obstacle course made from crates and wooden slats that the children made;
Activities like tidying up, gardening; helping clean the house, preparing meals.

At Woodentops we provide lots of space and resources for creative play which not only gives the children lots of physical activity it also prepares them to be fantastic story makers, develops their self-esteem, encourages lots of communication and sharing of ideas.

Opening Times

Woodentops usual hours of handover are 9am, 12pm, 1pm and 3.45pm. We do different hours if a parent requests and if we can accommodate their child. Please do not think we are being awkward or rude for not letting you in if you arrive early, we must ensure the building is safe for the children prior to them arriving. Our insurance also covers us for the hours you have indicated you require.

Healthy Eating Week- 12th June

We have registered for the British Nutrition Foundation for this fun week. We have lots of ideas to do with the children about lovely fun food to eat and make.

The Gates

Please make sure you **shut both gates** when going in and out of Woodentops. This is to keep all our children safe going in and out of Woodentops.

Important Dates

6th June- Simon's session
7th June-Library visit
8th June- Cooking
9th June-Quiz Night
12th June- Jodie's dance
14th June-Potton lower school visit including lunch
15th June-Simon's session
16th June-Father's Day 9-10am
19th June-Jodie's dance
20th June- Simon's session
21st June- Potton lower teachers visiting
23rd June-Standalone farm
26th June- Jodie's dance
28th June- new intake evening for parents going to Potton Lower School
30th June Shuffle up day to PLS
3rd July- Jodie's dance
4th July- Simon's session
10th July- Jodie's dance
13th July- Potton Music festival visiting
14th July Sports day with Simon
17th July- Jodie's dance
20th July- Summer party from 11 to 1pm, **no usual session.**

Any Questions

If you have any comments or concerns please speak to a manager- Jackie, Karen or Sue H. Thank you.

Toys from home

Bringing toys from home can cause issues for your child. They often do not want to share them- understandably, and others want to play with them. To prevent any upset, we would prefer the toys stay in their bags or at home. Cuddlies are necessary when a child is feeling sad and are used then. Thank you.